Amendments to the Claims:

- 1. (Currently amended) A method of treating or preventing dementia of Alzheimer's type, or other loss of cognitive function caused by reduced neuronal metabolism, comprising administering an effective amount of medium chain triglycerides to a patient in need thereof, wherein the metabolic state of the patient is not constrained.
 - 2. The method of Claim 1, wherein said administration is oral.
 - 3. The method of Claim 1, wherein said administration is intravenous.
- 4. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said medium chain triglycerides are administered at a dose of about 0.5 g/kg/day to about 10 g/kg/day.

Claims 5 and 6. (cancelled)

7. The method of Claim 1, wherein said medium chain triglycerides are emulsified.

Claims 8-10. (cancelled).

11. (Currently amended) A method of treating or preventing dementia of Alzheimer's type, or other loss of cognitive function caused by reduced neuronal metabolism, comprising administering an effective amount of a medium chain triglyceride prodrug to a patient in need thereof, wherein the metabolic state of the patient is not constrained.

Claims 12-19. (cancelled)